

II. This is in response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2002, the period for reply having been extended by the above petition and payment of the extension fee. Please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks.

In the Claims:

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Please cancel claims 2, 5, 6, 11 and 12 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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Please amend claims 1, 3, 7, 8, 13-15, 17, 21 and 23-25 and add new claims 28-30 to read as follows. A marked-up copy of claims 1, 3, 7, 8, 13-15, 17, 21 and 23-25, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

A' 1. (Amended) A propellant-free foamable aqueous composition capable of forming a stable foam when dispensed from a propellantless finger actuated mechanical pump dispenser and suitable for use as a vaginal or hemorrhoidal wipe consisting essentially of:

(a) water in an amount from about 70% to about 98% by weight, based on the total weight of the aqueous composition;

(b) surfactant in an amount from about 2% to about 35% by weight, based on the total weight of the aqueous composition, wherein the surfactant is selected from the group consisting of nonionic surfactants, amphoteric surfactants, anionic surfactants and mixtures thereof; and

(c) foam stabilizing agent in an amount from about 0.10% to about 5% by weight, based on the total weight of the aqueous composition, wherein the foam stabilizing

agent is selected from the group consisting of natural and synthetic gums, polyalkylene glycols, alkylene polyols and combinations thereof.

3. (Amended) The propellant-free foamable aqueous composition according

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to claim 1, wherein water is present in an amount from about 80% to about 98% by weight, based on the total weight of the aqueous composition.

7. (Amended) The propellant-free foamable aqueous composition according

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to claim 1, wherein the surfactant is present in an amount from about 5% to about 15% by weight, based on the total weight of the aqueous composition.

8. (Amended) The propellant-free foamable aqueous composition according

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to claim 1, wherein the surfactant is a combination of polysorbate 20, triethylamine-cocoyl glutamate and disodium cocoamphodiacetate.

13. (Amended) The propellant-free foamable aqueous composition

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according to claim 1, wherein the foam stabilizing agent is present in an amount from about 2% to about 4% by weight, based on the total weight of the aqueous composition.

14. (Amended) The propellant-free foamable aqueous composition

according to claim 1, wherein the foam stabilizing agent is a combination of glycerine, xanthan gum and polyethylene glycol (23 oxyethylene).

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com. 15. (Amended) The propellant-free foamable aqueous composition according to claim 1, wherein alkylene polyols are present in an amount from about 0.1% to about 10%, gums are present in an amount from about 0.05% to about 1%, and polyalkylene glycols are present in an amount from about 0.05% to about 2% by weight, based on the total weight of the aqueous composition.

A5 17. (Amended) The propellant-free foamable aqueous composition according to claim 1 further consisting of a preservative.

A6 21. (Amended) A propellant-free foamable aqueous composition capable of forming a stable foam when dispensed from a propellantless finger actuated mechanical pump dispenser and suitable for use as a vaginal or hemorrhoidal wipe consisting essentially of:

(a) water in an amount from about 70% to about 98% by weight, based on the total weight of the aqueous composition;

(b) surfactant in an amount from about 2% to about 35% by weight, based on the total weight of the aqueous composition, wherein the surfactant is selected from the group consisting of nonionic surfactants, amphoteric surfactants, anionic surfactants and mixtures thereof;

(c) foam stabilizing agent in an amount from about 0.10% to about 5% by weight, based on the total weight of the aqueous composition, wherein the foam stabilizing agent is selected from the group consisting of natural and synthetic gums, polyalkylene glycols, alkylene polyols and combinations thereof; and

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(d) medicament.

23. (Amended) The propellant-free foamable aqueous composition

according to claim 1 further consisting of a constituent selected from the group consisting of lubricants, chelating agents, moisturizers, healing agents, fragrance, color and mixtures thereof.

24. (Amended) A system for delivering a foam suitable for use as a vaginal or hemorrhoidal wipe agent comprising a propellantless finger actuated mechanical pump dispenser containing a propellant-free foamable aqueous composition according to claim 1.

25. (Amended) A stable foam suitable for use as a vaginal or hemorrhoidal wipe agent formed by dispensing from a propellantless finger actuated mechanical pump dispenser a propellant-free foamable aqueous composition according to claim 1.

28. (New) A propellant-free foamable aqueous composition capable of forming a stable foam when dispensed from a propellantless finger actuated mechanical pump dispenser and suitable for use as a vaginal or hemorrhoidal wipe comprising:

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- (a) water;
 - (b) surfactant which is a combination of polysorbate 20, triethylamine-cocoyl glutamate and disodium cocoamphodiacetate; and
 - (c) foam stabilizing agent.
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